
MEMORANDUM – OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

TO: File
FROM: Carter Terenzini, Town Administrator
RE: Village Sidewalk Study
DATE: September 3, 2013
CC: R. Korber; B. Woodruff

Carter



This is to report on the results of a survey of “Business Owners” as to their thoughts about the need for sidewalks. The undertaking of this was suggested at the Public Informational Meeting of August 12, 2013. The survey attached was mailed out to 44 property owners within the study area with returns due about 10 days later in pre-stamped and pre-addressed envelopes. We had 15 responses for a return rate of 34% percent.

Of our 15 responses some 13 “generally” supported the construction of sidewalk facilities. Two did not. Nine persons did not object to the use of the right of way (RoW) along their frontage while four did object and two skipped the question.

In some cases, insufficient RoW or an off street location, the town may need to acquire easements to construct and maintain the sidewalks. Approximately three-quarters of the respondents indicated they were willing to work with the town to negotiate on the use of their lands and provide such an easement. However, the Town needs to be mindful that this leaves a significant portion of the respondents who did not want to do so.

A full copy of the results and the comments on the questions is attached.



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August 19, 2013

Dear Property Owner:

As you may know the Town Meeting approved an article requiring the SelectBoard to present a plan for the construction of a sidewalk or sidewalks in the village area to the March 2014 Town Meeting. The first step of the process was an open forum on April 17th to define the study area. The second step was an open forum held on August 7th where interested citizens and stakeholders suggested potential route ideas.

Several comments at that meeting asked us to identify the thoughts of the property owners in the study area on this matter. Below you'll find a very short, questionnaire to help us gain a more definitive view of what you think. **Please circle your answers and place this sheet in the provided return envelope by August 30, 2013.** **You will find spacing on the reverse side of this letter to provide additional comments.** You may also feel free to talk with any tenants you might have as to what they think.

1. Do you generally support the construction of sidewalk facilities in the Village area?

Yes

No

2. Do you object to the construction of sidewalk facilities in the states' right-of-way along your property's frontage?

Yes

No

3. If the Town needs an access easement on your property to construct and maintain the sidewalk, would you be willing to negotiate or work with us on providing such an easement?

A. On the street-side of my property:

Yes

No

B. On the side boundary or to the mid or rear of my property:

Yes

No

The results of this survey will be part of the presentation at the third public meeting on September 4, 2013.

Thank you very much!

Sincerely yours,

Carter Terenzini
Town Administrator

Added Comments

Question 1: Do you generally support the construction of sidewalk facilities in the Village area?

Question 2: Do you object to the construction of sidewalk facilities in the states' right-of-way along your property's frontage?

Question 3: If the Town needs an access easement on your property to construct and maintain the sidewalk, would you be willing to negotiate or work with us on providing such an easement?

A. On the street-side of my property:

B. On the side boundary or to the mid or rear of my property:

If you have any questions you would like answered or other comments you would like to submit, please send them to Mr. Carter Terenzini, Town Administrator, in hand to Town Hall at 6 Holland Street, by mail to PO Box 139 Moultonborough, NH 03254, by fax to 1.603.476.5835, or email to cterenzini@moultonboroughnh.gov .

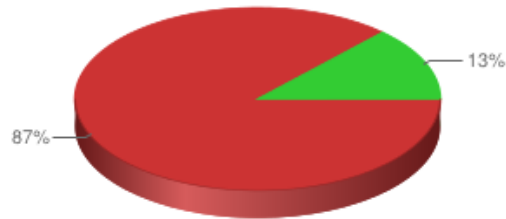
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1. Do you generally support the construction of sidewalk facilities in the Village Area?

Answered: 15 Skipped: 0

Yes (13)

No (2)

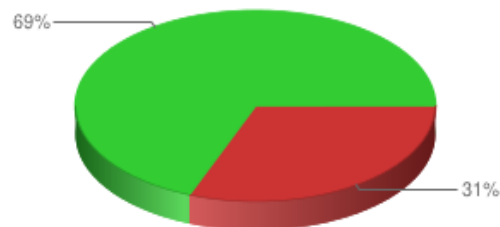


2. Do you object to the construction of sidewalk facilities in the states' right-of-way along your property's frontage?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 2

Yes (4)

No (9)



3. If the Town needs to access easement on your property to construct and maintain the sidewalk, would you be will to negotiate or work with use on providing such an easement?

A. On the street-side of my property:

Answered: 13 Skipped: 2

Yes (10)

No (3)

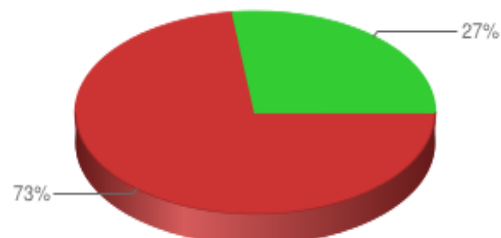


B. On the side boundary or to the mid or rear of my property:

Answered: 11 Skipped: 4

Yes (8)

No (3)



Added Comments to the Questions Above:

Question 1: Do you generally support the construction of sidewalk facilities in the village area?

Answered: 7 Skipped: 8

- No, crosswalks are what is needed.
- If it is determined that they will be used as serving a public need.
- Yes, but for the children's safety only.
- Yes
- Yes
- We have no problem with the current plans from the schools to the center. If the plan includes going to the public building keeping pedestrians on the side of Rt. 25 makes sense.
- Yes up to my center

Questions 2: Do you object to the construction of sidewalk facilities in the states' right-of-way along your property frontage?

Answered: 6 Skipped: 9

- Not applicable to our property (Map 52 Lot 21).
- I understand this is to keep children safe, if so why give them a path down Route 25. The Town already owns the land off from 25 from the Elementary School to somewhere near the property of MMC. I would support sidewalks in that area w/sufficient lighting. Access for emergency vehicles (Not Route 25).
- Yes, we gave up our front parking so Artie could have his. We won't give up our signage!!
Signed Cecile Holden – The Country Store.
- No
- People exercising, walking along the front now so a walk would make sense and provide safety.
- No – it is much needed for the safety of our citizens, especially the children.

Question3: If the Town needs to access easement on your property to construct and maintain the sidewalk, would you be willing to negotiate or work with us on providing such an easement?

A. On the street-side of my property:

Answered: 6 Skipped: 9

- Not applicable to our property (Map 52 Lot 21)
- See above
- Yes
- My only concern is that you NOT touch the stonewalls. They're part of our history. Thank you!
- Is a sidewalk were to be place going up Old Rte. 109 I would have some concerns – the trees and the stonewall need to be protected.
- Yes

B. On the side boundary or to the mid or rear of my property:

Answered: 5 Skipped: 10

- Unable to answer at this time as we are not clear in who would be constructing and maintaining the sidewalk and also who would be responsible for the safety and liability issues, e.g. insurance associated with the sidewalks.
- No problem foreseen on 109 side.
- Yes
- I am not in favor of any sidewalk going to the pond in back or around sidewalk in my field going from the school to Old Rt. 109.
- We would need to discuss.